THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member is wrong in misusing the term Harijan in that case. What I said was that the Collector of Chingleput, the present Collector Sri Muthirulandi, is one who is to be classified under the Scheduled group as distinguished from the Backward Class. It is not new. It was the old classification. This has got to be kept in mind, along with particulars furnished in his personal papers."

10 a.m. SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are any Collectors belonging to the Vanniyakula community who claim to be more than 70 per cent of the total population of this State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We will reach the time when all these classifications will become utterly anomalous and intolerable. At present we are trying our best to help those people who are backward."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, are these figures furnished proportionate to the percentage fixed for Backward Classes in this cadre of services in this State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no object to be gained by making things immediately proportionate. If we do that the anomaly will be greatly exaggerated. The best possible arrangements have been made in the Constitutional changes that were made recently."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take five more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Bridge at Chethukatavu on the Kozhikode-Mukkam road.

* 405 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a bridge was existing at Chethukatavu on the Kozhikode-Mukkam road some years ago;

(*b*) if so, when it actually disappeared; and

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to put up a bridge there again?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" (*a*) A bridge appears to have existed at the place some years ago.

" (*b*) No records are available to show as to when it actually disappeared.

" (*c*) No, Sir. It is a question for the consideration of the district board."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" If the people of the locality are prepared to make contributions to construct the bridge, will the Government be pleased to consider the matter? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Yes, Sir. Let the hon. Member approach the Collector who may even include this item in the local development programme."

Resettlement of the zamindari areas.

* 406 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the resettlement of the zamindari areas taken over by the Government is likely to be completed;

(*b*) how many acres and villages have been resettled so far; and

(*c*) how many zamindaris are still under dispute?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The survey work is likely to be completed by April 1958. After the completion of the Survey work, a large volume of statutory enquiries under the Abolition Act has to be completed and settlement work itself consists of a number of stages beginning with the classification of soil, etc. Hence the settlement work is likely to take at least four or five years after the completion of the survey work. It is likely to be completed by 1963.

" (*b*) Settlement work has not been completed in all its stages in any district so far. Soil classification has been completed in 927 villages comprising 1,119 square miles."

" (*c*) The number of estates under dispute is 144."

Survey of the estates taken over by the Government.

* 407 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the survey of the estates taken over by the Government will be completed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The survey work in the estate areas taken over by the Government under the Abolition Act is likely to be completed by April 1958."

Assignment of lands to Scheduled Castes in Ponneri taluk.

* 408 *Q.*—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres of land were assigned to the Scheduled Castes in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district, during the year 1952;

(*b*) how many applications were received; and

(*c*) how many were rejected and for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) Ninety-six.